



### Halloween Reading #1

Halloween is mainly a special day for children. They dress up in costumes. They go from door to door.

When the children come to the door, they want you to give them treats. You can give them fruit, nuts, candies or chocolates.



Adults also celebrate Halloween. They hold parties and dress up in costume.

#### Comprehension questions

*Circle the best answer.*

1. Who is the special day for?

a. animals



b. children



c. harvest



2. What do people do on this day?

a. dress up



b. eat pumpkin pie



c. visit cemeteries



3. What kinds of food should you give children on Halloween?

a. candy



b. vegetables



c. meat



4. What do adults sometimes do on this day?

a. hold costume parties



b. cut wood



c. ride horses



## HALLOWEEN

### Halloween Reading # 2

A long time ago people believed that on Halloween the spirits of dead people came back to visit their homes on this night before All Saints' Day [November 1].

Nowadays some people dress up as ghosts. You can also see black cats and witches on broomsticks.



Many people have a pumpkin in their house at Halloween. They clean out the inside of the pumpkin. Then they cut out a face, and put a candle inside. This is called a Jack o' Lantern.



### Comprehension Questions

Circle **T** if the statement is true and circle **F** if the statement is false.

1. People believed that the spirits of dead people came back on Oct. 31. T F
2. People may dress up as ghosts, black cats or witches on broomsticks. T F
3. A Jack O'Lantern is a cleaned out apple T F
4. A candle is put inside a Jack O'Lantern. T F



### Halloween Reading # 3

Experts tell us what we should do for a safe Halloween.  
This is what they say:

1. Children should wear light or bright colours so that motorists can see them on the road.
2. Children shouldn't wear masks. They should wear make-up on their faces instead of masks so that they can see the cars.
3. Parents should look at treats before their children eat them.
4. A small child shouldn't go out alone on Halloween. He should go out with an adult or an older child.



#### Comprehension Questions

List the appropriate phrase under the correct title

	Should	Should not
Children	1. 2. 3.	1. 2.
Adults	1. 2.	

## HALLOWEEN

### Halloween Reading #4

Halloween has a long history. It goes back to the Romans. At this same time of year they made a big feast. They honoured the goddess of the fruit trees.

Years later, in England, people held a religious feast at this time of year. They honoured the Christian saints. This feast was called the Feast of All Saints. The word “Halloween” meant “holy evening” – the evening before the Feast of All Saints.

Today, Halloween is not a religious holiday. It is a time for fun.

### Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions:

1. Explain the history of Halloween.

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2. What was the purpose of the Feast of All Saints?

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3. What does Halloween mean?

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